

1/10/2023

VTrans Mapping Section

District 4
Certcode 1417-0

**CERTIFICATE OF HIGHWAY MILEAGE
YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 10, 2023**

Fill out form, make and file a copy with the Town Clerk, and submit the Mileage Certificate on or before February 20, 2023 to: Vermont Agency of Transportation, Division of Policy, Planning and Intermodal Development, Mapping Section via email to: aot.mileagecertificates@vermont.gov or if necessary via mail to: VTrans PPAID - Mapping Section, 219 North Main Street, Barre VT 05641.

We, the members of the legislative body of SHARON in WINDSOR County on an oath state that the mileage of highways, according to Vermont Statutes Annotated, Title 19, Section 305, added 1985, is as follows:

PART I - CHANGES TOTALS - Please fill in and calculate totals.

Town Highways	Previous Mileage	Added Mileage	Subtracted Mileage	Total	Scenic Highways
Class 1	0.000	0	0	0	0.000
Class 2	14.520	0	0	14.520	0.000
Class 3	33.09	0 0.02	0.36 0	32.73 33.11	0.000
State Highway	16.167	0	0	16.167	0.000
Total	63.777			63.417 63.797	0.000
* Class 1 Lane	0.000	0	0	0	
* Class 4	6.62	0.36 0.08	0	6.98 6.70	0.000
* Legal Trail	6.04	0	0	6.04	

* Mileage for Class 1 Lane, Class 4, and Legal Trail classifications are NOT included in total.

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Class 3 mileage of 0.36 was NUTs. Therefore, it was counted as Class 4 mileage already. Total updates made by P. DeAndrea VTrans 3/14/2023. See correspondence 3/14/2023

PART II - INFORMATION AND DESCRIPTION OF CHANGES SHOWN ABOVE.

1. NEW HIGHWAYS: Please attach Selectmen's "Certificate of Completion and Opening".

2. DISCONTINUED: Please attach SIGNED copy of proceedings (minutes of meeting).

3. RECLASSIFIED/REMEASURED: Please attach SIGNED copy of proceedings (minutes of meeting).

- 0.36 mi TH-22 (Town Hwy 22) reclassified from CL3 to CL4 - no change in mileage was NUTS
- +0.08 mi CL4 TH-22 (Town Hwy 22) correction of beginning of CL4 and remeasurement due to Town Boundary update
- +0.02 mi CL3 TH-22 correction of end of CL3 and remeasurement due to Town Boundary update

4. SCENIC HIGHWAYS: Please attach a copy of order designating/discontinuing Scenic Highways.

Notes added by P. DeAndrea VTrans 3/14/2023. See correspondence 3/14/2023

IF THERE ARE NO CHANGES IN MILEAGE: Place an X in the box and sign below.

PART III - SIGNATURES - PLEASE SIGN.

Signatures of Selectmen/ Aldermen/ Trustees:

Kevin J. Gish

Jan 9, 2023

Mary C. Gavin

Jan 9, 2023

Sarah Pfeiffer

Jan 9, 2023

Signature of T/C/V Clerk:

Carol K. Flint

Date Filed:

1/10/23

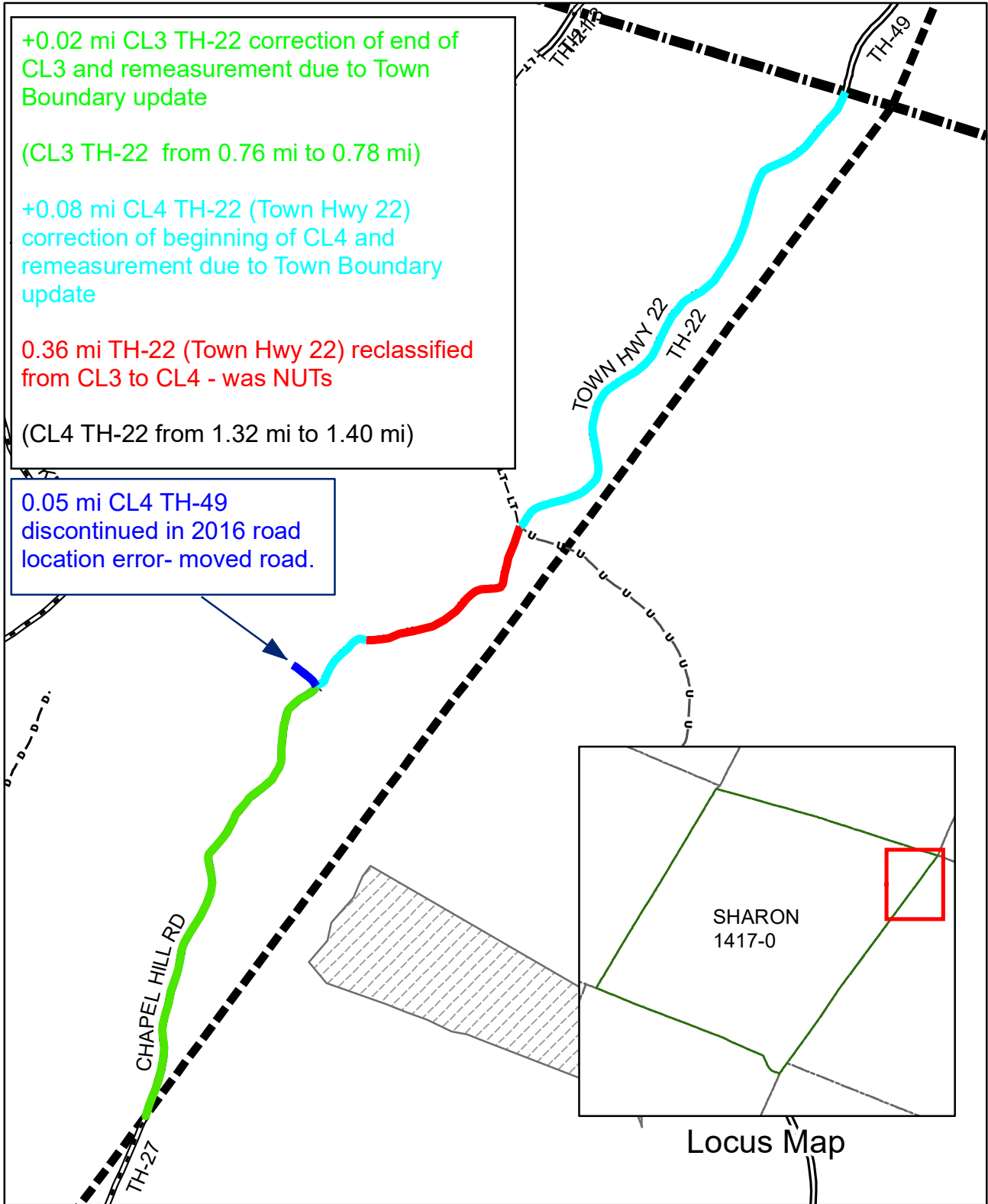
Please sign ORIGINAL and return it for Transportation signature.

AGENCY OF TRANSPORTATION APPROVAL: Signed copy will be returned to T/C/V Clerk.

APPROVED:

Johnathan Croft
Representative, Agency of Transportation

DATE: 5/1/2023

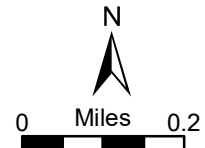


Mileage Certificate Changes 2023

SHARON

(CTUA:1417-0)
(CERTCODE:1417-0)

Mapping Section
Division of Policy and Planning
Vermont Agency of Transportation -- April 3, 2023



From: [Sharon Selectboard](#)
To: [DeAndrea, Pam](#); [Sharon Listers](#); [Sharon Road Crew](#); [Sharon Town Clerk](#)
Cc: [AOT - Mileage Certificates](#)
Subject: RE: Adjustment of Mileage Totals on Sharon Mileage Certificate for 2023
Date: Wednesday, March 15, 2023 10:10:21 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

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Dear Pam,

I spoke with the Lister's office, and we are in agreement that the changes are appropriate. Thank you for your attention to detail. We really appreciate the guidance and the improved accuracy.

Thank you so much,
Nicola

Nicola Shipman
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From: DeAndrea, Pam <Pam.DeAndrea@vermont.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 14, 2023 5:06 PM
To: Sharon Listers <listers@sharonvt.net>; Sharon Selectboard <selectboard@sharonvt.net>; Sharon Road Crew <roadcrew@sharonvt.net>; Sharon Town Clerk <clerk@sharonvt.net>
Cc: AOT - Mileage Certificates <AOT.MileageCertificates@vermont.gov>
Subject: Adjustment of Mileage Totals on Sharon Mileage Certificate for 2023

Good afternoon Sharon Folks,

In working through the changes for TH-22 discussed last month for the beginning of the Class 4 section and the correct location for TH-49 the mileage changes reported on the 2023 Mileage Certificate will need to be adjusted. We also found issues on our end with the Town Boundaries for Norwich and Strafford, which will affect the mileage of TH-22. In addition, I took the time to remeasure the road more accurately using elevation data and imagery. There should be no mileage change associated with the reclassification of the section that was considered NUTs because the mileage was already considered Class 4 as it was not up to Class 3 standards. I have updated this on the attached certificate and have also attached a map for you that will be included in the Mileage Certificate packet once we sign it.

The changes are as follows and I just wanted to send them your way for your agreement. I can edit the Mileage Certificate that you already sent on my end before we sign it and send back to you. Let me know if you approve of these edits on the certificate.

+0.08 miles Class 4 for TH-22

+0.02 miles Class 3 for TH-22

The Town Boundaries issue may affect mileage of other roads in Sharon, but we can deal with those next year and I will be in touch regarding what those changes may be.

Thank you!

Pam

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TOWN OF SHARON
MEMORANDUM OF
MUNICIPAL ACTION

TYPE OF MUNICIPAL ACTION(S)

ACTION: Reclassification of Town Highway 19 V.S.A. § 711

By order of the Selectboard, a 0.36-mile section of TH-22 was reclassified from "Class 3 Functioning as Class 4" to "Class 4".

DATE ISSUED (APPROVED): October 4th, 2022

LOCATION OF RECORD: Town Records Cabinet

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SPACE BELOW THIS LINE FOR RECORDING DATA
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TOWN OF SHARON, VT

Received for record October 12, 2022

At 9 O'clock A M. and recorded in
Sharon Town Records, Vol. File cabinet Page

Attest: Catherine Sexton T.C.

**SELECTBOARD'S REPORT OF HEARING AND
ORDER TO RECLASSIFY
A 0.36-MILE SECTION OF TH-22
AS A CLASS 4 ROAD**

STATEMENT OF FACTS

1. The Town of Sharon discovered that a 0.36-mile section of TH-22 (locally known as Chapel Hill Road), long regarded to be untraveled and understood to be a Class 4 Road, is shown on the AOT 2016 Highway map as a "Class 3 Road Functioning as Class 4".
2. This 0.36-mile section of TH-22 begins 0.06 miles from the now discontinued TH-49 and terminates at the intersection of LT-2 and the 0.96-mile Class 4 section of TH-22.
3. There is evidence that points to a field inventory map from 1981 that attempted to correct an error showing the 0.36-mile portion of TH-22 as Class 3. Inventories from 1941, 1961, 1962, 1963, 1971 and 1992 all show this 0.36-mile section of road to be Class 4 and untraveled.
4. The VTrans mileage maps from 1986, 1994, 2002, 2003 and 2004 all show the TH-22 Class 3 mileage as 0.76 miles and Class 4 mileage as 1.32 miles. This is consistent with the 0.36-mile section to be included as Class 4 mileage.
5. In 2005, the VTrans mileage description lists the 0.36-mile section of highway as separate from the 0.76-mile Class 3 section and from the 0.96-mile Class 4 section.
6. The Selectboard asserts that at some point around 2005 and possibly due to changes in AOT mapping descriptions, the 0.36-mile section was mistakenly labeled as "Class 3 functioning as Class 4".
7. Based on the recommendations from the State and the town's legal counsel, the Town of Sharon Selectboard opted to initiate proceedings to reclassify the 0.36 section of TH-22 from "Class 3 Functioning as Class 4" to "Class 4" on its own motion.
8. At a regular meeting of the Selectboard on August 1st, 2022, and in keeping with the procedure outlined by 19 VSA §708 for Town Highway reclassification, the Selectboard unanimously approved the motion to initiate the formal action needed to reclassify the 0.36-mile section of TH-22 from "Class 3 Functioning as a Class 4 Road" to a "Class 4 Road".
9. On August 1st, 2022 the Selectboard set Wednesday September 7th at 5:30PM as the date and time for the site visit and Monday, September 19th at 6pm as the date and time of the Public Hearing (30-day's notice)
10. The Selectboard Assistant gave notice to the Town of Sharon Planning Commission and the Town Clerk on August 3rd, 2022.

11. The Selectboard Assistant posted a physical copy of the notice in the office of the Town Clerk, the Sharon Post Office and the Baxter Memorial Library on August 3rd, 2022 pursuant to 19 VSA §709.
12. The Legal Notice of the Site Visit and Public Hearing was posted to the Town's Official Website on August 11th, 2022.
13. Notice was sent via certified mail with return receipt to the official residence of all persons requiring to be notified on August 15th, 2022. Those notified were sent to: Double C Enterprises, the Anderson Family Trust, and JKM Partnership.
14. The Legal Notice of the Site Visit and Public Hearing was published in the Valley News on August 16th, 2022 (more than 10-days' notice).
15. A reminder of the Site Visit and Public Hearing was posted to the Town Office Facebook page and to the Sharon Listserv on August 31st, 2022.

Site Visit and Hearing

16. On September 7th, 2022, the Town of Sharon Selectboard held a Site Visit. Attendees included Sarah Pfeiffer, Mary Gavin, Nicola Shipman, Frank Rogers, Kevin Gish, Paul Anderson, and Angus Anderson.
17. On September 19th, 2022, the Town of Sharon Selectboard held a Public Hearing to receive testimony. Participants included Ira Clark, Galen Mudgett, Phoebe Anderson, and Scott Henkels. Selectboard members in attendance included Chair Kevin Gish and Clerk Sarah Pfeiffer. Additional attendees included the Road Foreman, Frank Rogers, and the Selectboard Assistant, Nicola Shipman.
18. Scott Henkels asked a question as to the nature of public access on a Class 4 Road and if a Class 4 road would remain accessible to the public.
19. Kevin Gish confirmed that a Class 4 Road is still a town highway and is therefore still fully accessible to the public.
20. Phoebe Anderson stated that it made sense to match the classification of the road to reflect the condition of the road.
21. Ira Clark stated that this section of TH-22 also serves as a connector to legal trails and other public roads. Ira wanted to ensure that this section of road would continue to be publicly accessible.
22. Galen Mudgett stated that several years ago a section of Turnpike Road had been in a condition similar to this section of TH-22. As the result of a subdivision, the road was then improved by a private landowner, and the road became more accessible as a result. The improved condition of the road allowed for better access to the public, and the road improvement was funded by a private landowner rather than the town. Galen felt this was a benefit to the Town and its residents. He said this section of Turnpike Road remains accessible today as a Class 4, town-owned road.

- 23. There was no stated dissent to the classification change to the 0.36-mile section of TH-22 from Class 3 to Class 4 since the road remains publicly accessible.
- 24. The Selectboard Members present, Kevin Gish and Sarah Pfeiffer, entered deliberative session to consider the question. No action was taken and the hearing was adjourned.

Decision & Order

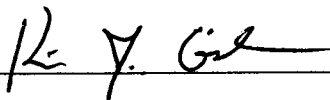
During the regular meeting of the Selectboard on September 19th, 2022, and, after considering the evidence of the facts and after having received public testimony, the Town of Sharon Selectboard judged the “public good, necessity and convenience of the inhabitants of the municipality require the highway to be reclassified”, and the Selectboard ordered the reclassification of the 0.36-mile section of TH-22.

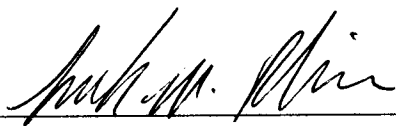
Sarah Pfeiffer made a motion to order the reclassification of the 0.36-mile Class 3 section of TH-22 to a Class 4 highway. This 0.36-mile section of TH-22 originates 0.06 miles from discontinued TH-49 and terminates at the intersection of LT-2 and the 0.96-mile Class 4 section of TH-22. Kevin Gish seconded. Motion approved 2-0-0. Mary Gavin was not present.


The Selectboard of the Town of Sharon orders that the 0.36-mile section of TH-22 originating 0.06 miles from discontinued TH-49 and terminating at the intersection of LT-2 and the 0.96-mile Class 4 section of TH-22 be reclassified as a Class 4 town highway.

Dated this 4TH day of October 2022.

Signed by Sharon Selectboard Members


Kevin Gish, Chair


Sarah Pfeiffer, Clerk

SHARON TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE
On the 12 Day of October A.D. 2022
at 9 O'clock and 20 minutes Am
received for recording a Order to reclassify T.H. 22 (portion)
of which the foregoing is a true copy.
A TRUE RECORD:
Attest: 

DeAndrea, Pam

From: Sharon Selectboard <selectboard@sharonvt.net>
Sent: Wednesday, February 1, 2023 12:17 PM
To: DeAndrea, Pam; Sharon Listers; Sharon Road Crew
Subject: RE: Discontinued Rd (Formerly TH-49) off of TH-22

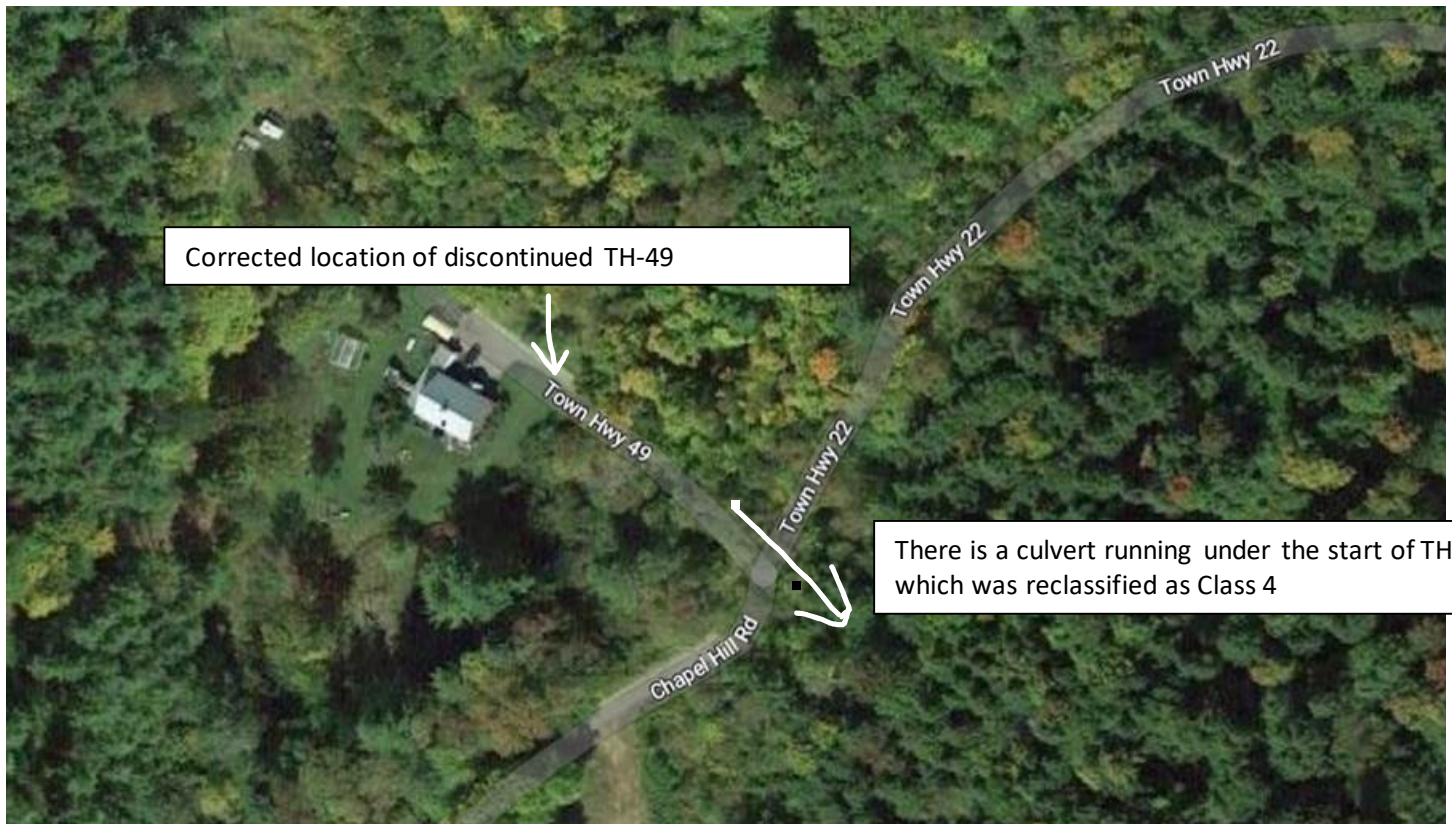
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Dear Pam,

Thanks so much for speaking with me today.

The corrected location of discontinued TH-49 you discussed with Galen is visible here on Google Maps.

The intersection between the corrected location of discontinued TH-49 is also the beginning of TH-22.



Hopefully that is what you needed!

Thanks again so much for helping us to create a more accurate maps. It really make a difference to us on the municipal level to have good highway maps!

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From: DeAndrea, Pam <Pam.DeAndrea@vermont.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, February 1, 2023 10:30 AM

To: Sharon Selectboard <selectboard@sharonvt.net>; Sharon Listers <listers@sharonvt.net>; Sharon Road Crew <roadcrew@sharonvt.net>

Cc: AOT - Mileage Certificates <AOT.MileageCertificates@vermont.gov>

Subject: RE: Discontinued Rd (Formerly TH-49) off of TH-22

Hi Nicola,

Thank you very much for this information. I am going to give you a call to explain my question a bit better. I had sent an email earlier regarding the discontinued road, which was in the wrong location. We have moved it to the correct location, but then that brought up questions about the beginning of the Class 4 road.

Let me know when a good time to chat would be.

Best,

Pam

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From: Sharon Selectboard <selectboard@sharonvt.net>

Sent: Tuesday, January 31, 2023 8:20 PM

To: DeAndrea, Pam <Pam.DeAndrea@vermont.gov>; Sharon Listers <listers@sharonvt.net>; Sharon Road Crew <roadcrew@sharonvt.net>

Cc: AOT - Mileage Certificates <AOT.MileageCertificates@vermont.gov>

Subject: Re: Discontinued Rd (Formerly TH-49) off of TH-22

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Thanks for reaching out, Pam. I can actually help you with this question. It puzzled me for a time, too!

Both the .70 mile section and the 0.06 section (a combined 0.76 miles) are Class 3. The 0.06 section begins at the discontinued TH-49 and ends at the short line perpendicular to the road.

The 0.36 section had been listed as a Class 3 not up to standard, but most people in the town believed it to be Class 4, and the road classification in no way matched the condition.

The 0.36 section was reclassified to Class 4 by order of the Selectboard in late 2022.

We sent an update to the State after the Selectboard vote, and we have this change recorded in the Annual Town Highway and Mileage report.

We very much wish for the new VTrans map to reflect the reclassification of the 0.36 mile section from Class 3 functioning as Class 4/NUTS to an actual Class 4.

We used the 2016 VTrans map and historical background to guide us for the mileages, so i believe they are correct.

If you have any questions, or if you need any additional clarification, please don't hesitate to reach out!

Many thanks,
Nicola

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rueAndrea, Pam <Pam.DeAndrea@vermont.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, January 31, 2023, 2:53 PM

To: Sharon Listers <listers@sharonvt.net>; Sharon Road Crew <roadcrew@sharonvt.net>

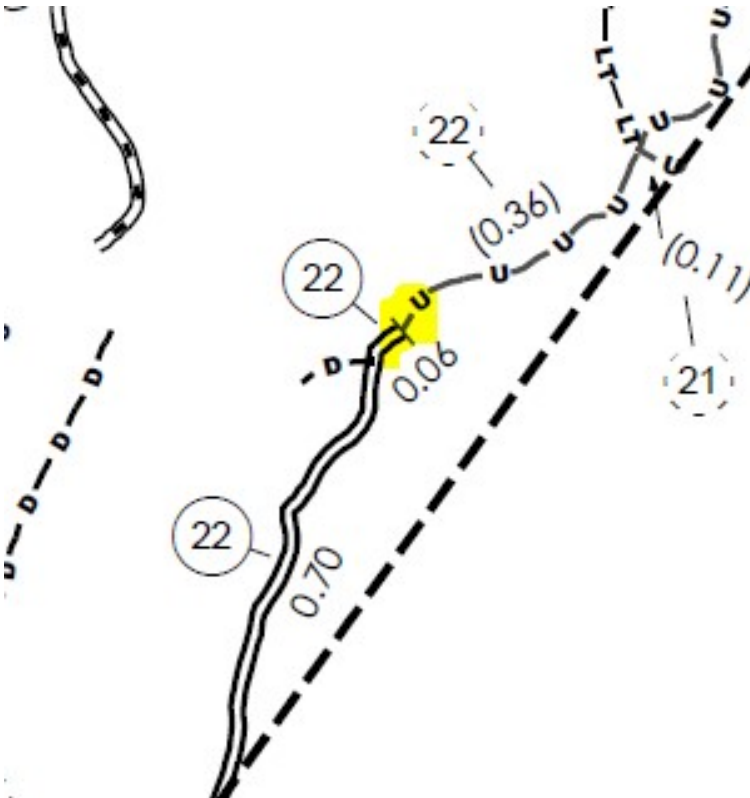
Cc: Sharon Selectboard <selectboard@sharonvt.net>; AOT - Mileage Certificates <AOT.MileageCertificates@vermont.gov>

Subject: RE: Discontinued Rd (Formerly TH-49) off of TH-22

Thank you again Galen,

I wonder if you and Frank can help me figure out exactly where TH-22 Class 3 section ends and Class 4 section begins in the vicinity of the old TH-49? As I was working on the change for the discontinued TH-49 I noticed a discrepancy on the beginning of the Class 4/Untraveled section for TH-22 that I am trying to work out.

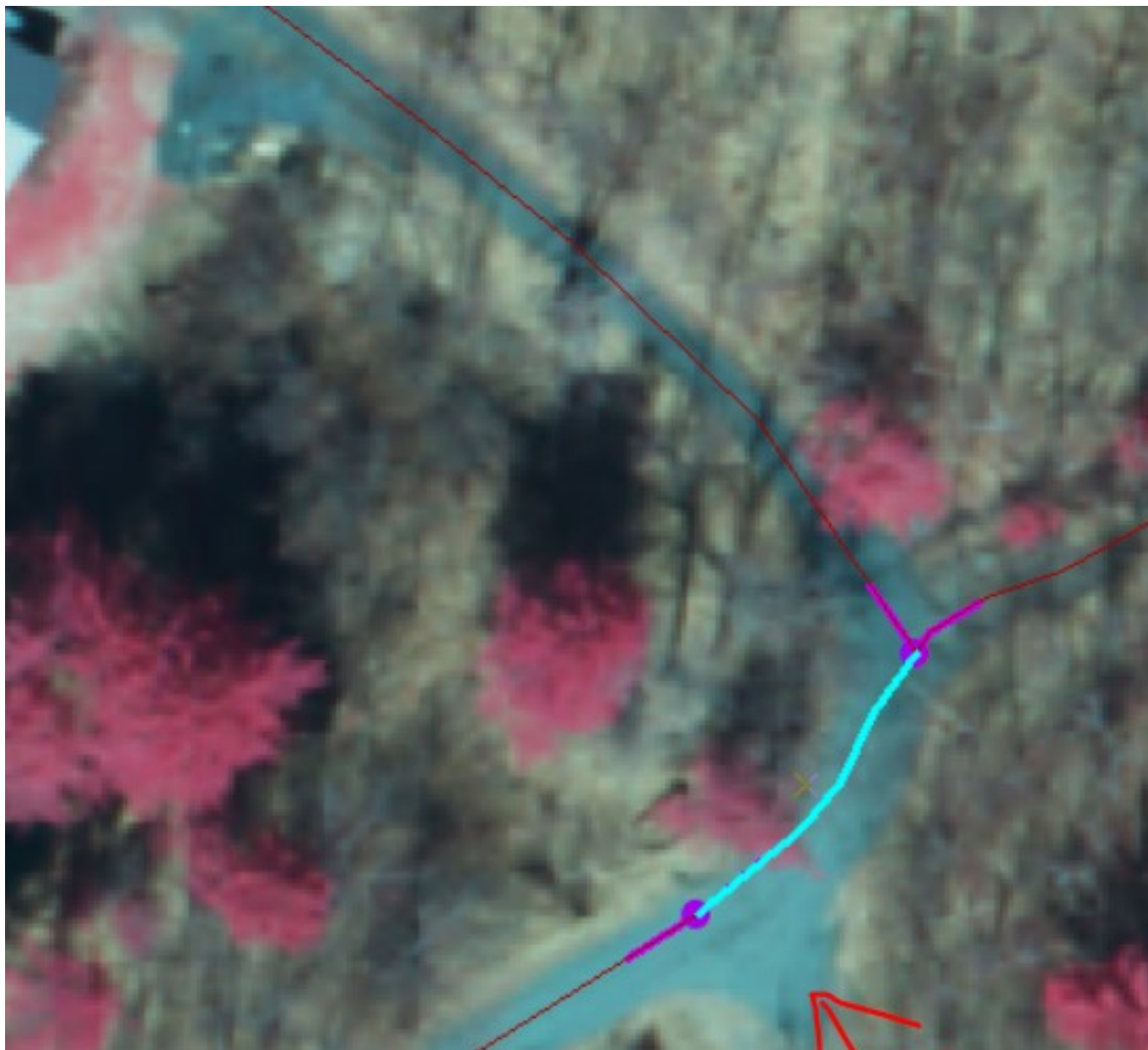
We currently have it mapped as follows at 0.76 AOT miles and the attached road inventory indicates that it is 0.75 miles from the Norwich Town Boundary and where old TH-49 was located, so that correlates well. My challenge is that there is a piece within the Class 4 section that may actually be Class 3 that I need you folks to confirm.



In the images below you can see a turn-around via Bing street maps and in the imagery (red arrow), but this is south of the driveway/old TH-49. The highlighted blue line in the second image is currently designated as Class 4, but I am wondering if it should be mapped as Class 3 seeing as it is near the turn around and before TH-49 as described in the inventory where the Class 4 starts.

Can you let me know if this blue section should be Class 3?





Thank you so much!

Pam

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From: Sharon Listers <listers@sharonvt.net>
Sent: Monday, January 30, 2023 11:51 AM
To: DeAndrea, Pam <Pam.DeAndrea@vermont.gov>

From: [Sharon Listers](#)
To: [DeAndrea, Pam](#)
Cc: [Sharon Selectboard](#)
Subject: RE: Discontinued Rd (Formerly TH-49) off of TH-22
Date: Monday, January 30, 2023 11:51:28 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

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Good Afternoon

The road (TH-49) that was discontinued is the orange line that is going out to the house (3131 Chapel Hill Rd. The Blue Line, I have no idea what it is. It is not a road nor a driveway. It is an error and should be removed.

Galen E Mudgett Jr
Lister
E911 Coordinator

From: Sharon Town Clerk <clerk@sharonvt.net>
Sent: Monday, January 30, 2023 10:10 AM
To: Sharon Listers <listers@sharonvt.net>
Subject: Fwd: Discontinued Rd (Formerly TH-49) off of TH-22

Hi Galen!

I think this might be for you :)

Cathy

From: DeAndrea, Pam <Pam.DeAndrea@vermont.gov>
Sent: Monday, January 30, 2023 10:02:17 AM
To: Sharon Selectboard <selectboard@sharonvt.net>; Sharon Town Clerk <clerk@sharonvt.net>
Cc: AOT - Mileage Certificates <AOT.MileageCertificates@vermont.gov>; Croft, Johnathan <Johnathan.Croft@vermont.gov>; Hermanson, Tyler <Tyler.Hermanson@vermont.gov>
Subject: Discontinued Rd (Formerly TH-49) off of TH-22

Good morning Nicola and Catherine,

We have noticed that one of the roads in Sharon has a discrepancy in location between the E911 data and our road data. This road was discontinued in 2016 and it's former name is TH-49 and was located off of TH-22. Since we are updating your Town Highway map anyway this year, it would be good to accurately map this discontinued road. Can you confirm which road is in the correct location from the image below - the E911 road location shown in orange (address of building at the end of the road is 3131 Town Highway 49) or the VTrans location shown in blue.



Thank you!

Pam

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From: [Croft, Johnathan](#)
To: [Sharon Selectboard](#)
Cc: [Rita Seto](#); [AOT - Mileage Certificates](#); [Alley, Kerry](#); [DeAndrea, Pam](#)
Subject: RE: Town of Sharon - 0.36-mile TH-22 Reclassification
Date: Wednesday, October 12, 2022 9:56:22 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Good morning Nicola,

We will pre-load the 2023 Sharon Mileage Certificate with this reclassification and also work to make revisions to Town Highway Map to include Downer State Forest Highway.

I think you are all set, but we will reach out if we have any questions or if there is any additional information needed regarding the reclassification.

Johnathan

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From: Sharon Selectboard <selectboard@sharonvt.net>
Sent: Wednesday, October 12, 2022 9:49 AM
To: Croft, Johnathan <Johnathan.Croft@vermont.gov>
Cc: Rita Seto <rseto@trorc.org>
Subject: Town of Sharon - 0.36-mile TH-22 Reclassification

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Dear Johnathan,

The Town of Sharon Selectboard has ordered the reclassification of a 0.36-mile section of TH-22 from "Class 3 Functioning as Class 4" to "Class 4".

Attached is the Memorandum of Municipal Action as well as the Order. This reclassification order has been recorded with the Town Clerk.

Can you provide guidance as to what, if anything, further we will need to do to ensure this is communicated to the State?

Additionally, I also noticed that the Downer State Forest Highway is absent from our 2016 AOT Maps. How do I correct that?

I hope all is well with you.

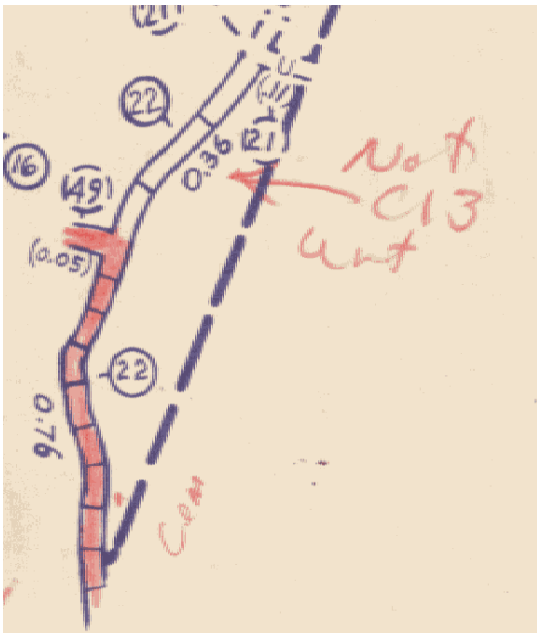
Many thanks,
Nicola

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From: [Croft, Johnathan](#)
To: [Sharon Selectboard](#)
Cc: [Rita Seto](#); [Peter Fellows](#); [Alley, Kerry](#); [DeAndrea, Pam](#)
Subject: RE: Likely Mapping Inaccuracy - Town of Sharon Highway Maps
Date: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 4:29:12 PM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)
[MileageCertificate Sharon 1982 OCR.pdf](#)
[MileageCertificates Sharon 1970 1984.pdf](#)

Good afternoon Nicola,

I took a look at the history of TH-22 () in Sharon and there have definitely been a few changes in the highway class over the years. The most recent changes have been the 0.36 mile segment that was untraveled class 4 town highway, then became class 3 in 1975 and then was classified as "Not Up To Standard" in 1982, based on my review of the info in our files. There was an inventory done in Sharon in 1981, when the inventory crew met with a member of the Selectboard or Road Crew and drove all the class 2 and 3 town highways in Sharon and made notations on the map of potential changes. There were also inventory sheets that were done at the time, but I don't have a copy of the 1981 inventory sheets, just the map. On the map (https://vtransmaps.vermont.gov/Maps/TownMapSeries/Windsor_Co/SHARON/SHARON_INVENTORY_1981.tif), there is a notation "Not Cl3 Unt" which shows this segment wasn't up to class 3 standard and was considered untraveled.



For town highways to change their classification, they need to go through the statutory reclassification process that is defined in Title 19 of Vermont State Statutes, Chapter 7, which is done by the Selectboard. In the case of the 0.36 segment of TH-22, it appears that it was formally reclassified and was deemed untraveled and not up to standard, so dropped into the class 4 town highway status, even though it is legally class 3 town highway. This process is primarily done to not provide state aid for segments that are not being maintained to the standard and that the town isn't going

to reclassify to class 4. I am not a 100% sure of what happened in 1981 in the inventory or in 1982 when the mileage certificate was processed, but do have the notation in the Act 63 listing that has the asterixed mileage that we note as segments that are "Not Up To Standard". Starting with the 1992 Sharon Town Highway Map, there is an asterix included in the mileage listing and the notation that "Portion of this town highway is Class 3, but is functionally Class 4" and each subsequent map has carried this. It has only been in the recent past that we have split out a table of all the not up to standard mileage into a separate table.

There are a couple of things that can be done regarding this segment, the first approach is to have the Selectboard reclassify the segment for class 3 to class 4 using the process defined in 19 V.S.A. Chapter 7 and also in the Orange Book, I would be glad to provide additional details on this process. By going through reclassification, there is a paper trail of what has happened and clarity on the classification. Another approach is for the Selectboard to provided an affidavit that it was clearly an error in 1977 when this segment was added as class 3 and the change to "not up to standard" and functionally as class 4 was correcting this initial error. This later approach does not have the clarity as a reclassification does and could potentially provide the ability of any aggrieved at the classification the ability to challenge the decision. I would be glad to talk with you about this in more detail and what steps can be take to resolve this classification on this segment.

Please feel free to let me know if you have any questions or comments regarding this, or mapping in general.

Johnathan

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Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 2:55 PM
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Subject: Likely Mapping Inaccuracy - Town of Sharon Highway Maps

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Dear Johnathan,

We just spoke earlier this morning regarding maps, and it turns out I'm already back! Rita Seto referred me to you as a resource to help us correct what seems to be an inaccurate town highway map.

We have a section of road, TH22, that I believe has had an historical inaccuracy, likely as a result of an error in 1981.

In 1981, a 0.36 section of TH22, was mistakenly classified as Class 3.

On the initial 1981 map, the total TH22 mileage for Class 3 is listed as 1.12 miles and Class 4 as 0.96 miles. There is a handwritten note pointing the 0.36 section as "NOT CL3 unt" which I take it to mean it is actually an untraveled road Class IV road. This is in keeping with historical maps (an maps up through 2016) showing this section of road as untraveled.

A revised 1981 map was issued, but the file is very hard to read.

In 1986, we again see the 0.36 section of TH22 showing as an untraveled Class IV and total mileages for the road shows 0.76 miles of Class 3 and 1.32 miles of Class IV. I believe this is the correct classification.

As we progress through history, we see TH22 road is further broken down into four rather than three sections.

There is a now 0.70 and 0.06 section of road (before the symbol indicating a change in road classification). There is a 0.36 and 0.96 section after the symbol.

In 2016, the mapped mileages are the same: 0.70, 0.06, 0.36 and 0.96 but there is an note on the map stating that the 0.36 section of the road is a Legal Class 3, functional Class IV road. This does not make logical sense based on our historical knowledge of the road.

It is my suspicion that possibly the 1981 mistake was repeated at some point, but no one noticed the error. The Class 3 classification is not at all in keeping with the historic information nor the actual condition of the road; that 0.36 mileage segment has never been maintained as a Class 3 road as it has always been considered by the Town as an untraveled class IV. On the other hand, the 0.06 section was maintained as Class 3 at some point, but is now more similar to a functional Class IV section of road and there is no signal to indicate a change in road classification.

I believe the error happened when the 0.06 mileage was separated out from the 0.76 section of road. From what I can tell, the 0.70 section is maintained as Class 3 and the 0.06 section is the de facto Legal Class 3 not up to standard section of TH22.

I'm not sure I'm up to the task of fully explaining this in writing, so I'm happy to have a call with you and Rita if that is helpful.

We do need to identify where the reporting error was made, so we can work to correct the VTrans 2016 Town of Sharon map to reflect the correct classification for the road sections on TH22.

Thank you so much for your help with this unusual situation! Well, unusual to me, anyway. Maybe not you!

All the best,
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